

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

REPORT OF EXAMINATION
TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

- ☒ Surface Water (Issued in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 117, Laws of Washington for 1917, and amendments thereto, and the rules and regulations of the Department of Ecology.)
- ☐ Ground Water (Issued in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 263, Laws of Washington for 1945, and amendments thereto, and the rules and regulations of the Department of Ecology.)

PRIORITY DATE	APPLICATION NUMBER	PERMIT NUMBER	CERTIFICATE NUMBER
December 2, 1998	S3-30112		

NAME EDWARD A. MOLNAR, JR.			
ADDRESS (STREET)	(CITY)	(STATE)	(ZIP CODE)
1031 Box Canyon Road	Ione	Washington	99139-9612

PUBLIC WATERS TO BE APPROPRIATED

SOURCE Pend Oreille River		
TRIBUTARY OF (IF SURFACE WATERS) Columbia River		
MAXIMUM CUBIC FEET PER SECOND 0.02	MAXIMUM GALLONS PER MINUTE	MAXIMUM ACRE FEET PER YEAR 1.0

QUANTITY, TYPE OF USE, PERIOD OF USE

0.02 cubic foot per second, 1 acre-foot per year, continuously, for stock water and single domestic supply including irrigation for one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden

LOCATION OF DIVERSION/WITHDRAWAL

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF DIVERSION--WITHDRAWAL

660 feet west and 450 feet south from the NE corner of Government Lot 5

LOCATED WITHIN (SMALLEST LEGAL SUBDIVISION)	SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE, (E. OR W.) W.M.	W.R.I.A.	COUNTY
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	32	38	43 E.	62	Pend Oreille

RECORDED PLATTED PROPERTY

LOT	BLOCK	OF (GIVE NAME OF PLAT OR ADDITION)
Government Lot 5		

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH WATER IS TO BE USED

Government Lot 5 within Sec. 32, T. 38 N., R. 43 E.W.M. Also known as the New Year Placer Mining Claim.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORKS

Pump and pressure distribution system

DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

BEGIN PROJECT BY THIS DATE:

Started

COMPLETE PROJECT BY THIS DATE:

Completed

WATER PUT TO FULL USE BY THIS DATE:

July 1, 2000

REPORT

BACKGROUND

An application to appropriate public surface water was submitted by Edward A. Molnar Jr. to the Department of Ecology on December 2, 1998. The application was accepted and assigned Surface Water Application No. S3-30112. The applicant proposes to divert surface water from Pend Oreille River in the amount of 0.02 cubic feet per second for continuous single domestic supply including up to 1/2 acre of non-commercial lawn and garden and stockwater. The proposed point of diversion is to be located within the Gov. Lot 5, Sec. 32. The proposed place of use will also be Gov. Lot 5, Sec. 32 in Pend Oreille County, Washington.

A notice of application was duly published in accordance with RCW 90.03.280; no protests to the granting of a permit to this applicant were received.

This application is categorically exempt from the provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) of 1971, Chapter 43.21C RCW.

INVESTIGATION

James M. Lyerla conducted a field examination on December 18, 1998. This project is located near Lone, Washington on the east bank of the Pend Oreille River. The applicant has constructed a home on the property and is diverting surface water for in-house use and lawn and garden irrigation from the proposed point of diversion. No stockwater use was observed on the date of the examination. However, this stockwater use may be developed at a later date but prior to the proof of appropriation examination.

CONCLUSIONS

It is the conclusion of this examiner that: public surface water is available for appropriation for a beneficial use; that single domestic supply for one unit; stockwater and non-commercial irrigation of 1/2 acre are beneficial uses; that the appropriation of such water will not impair existing rights or be detrimental to the public welfare.

This application for a public surface water permit should be approved in the amount of 0.02 cubic feet per second, 1 acre foot per year, for continuous domestic supply including up to 1/2 acre of non-commercial lawn and garden and stockwater, subject to the following provisions:

"An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained in accordance with RCW 90.03.360 and/or WAC 508-64-020 through WAC 508-64-040." (Installation, operation and maintenance requirements attached hereto).

"The amount of water granted is a maximum limit that shall not be exceeded and the water user shall be entitled only to that amount of water within the specified limit that is beneficially used and required."

The water source and/or water transmission facilities are not wholly located upon the land owned by the applicant. Issuance of a permit by this Department for appropriation of the waters in question does not convey a right of access to, or other right to use, land which the applicant does not legally possess. Obtainment of such right is a private matter between applicant and owner of that land.

"This authorization to make use of public waters of the State is subject to existing rights, including any existing rights held by the United States for the benefit of Indians under treaty or otherwise."

"A certificate of water right will not be issued until a final examination is made."

"Nothing in this authorization shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations."

The construction of the facilities for the appropriation of water under the application may require removal of material from or adjacent to a stream channel or watercourse. A Hydraulic Approval may be obtained from the Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to commencing work.

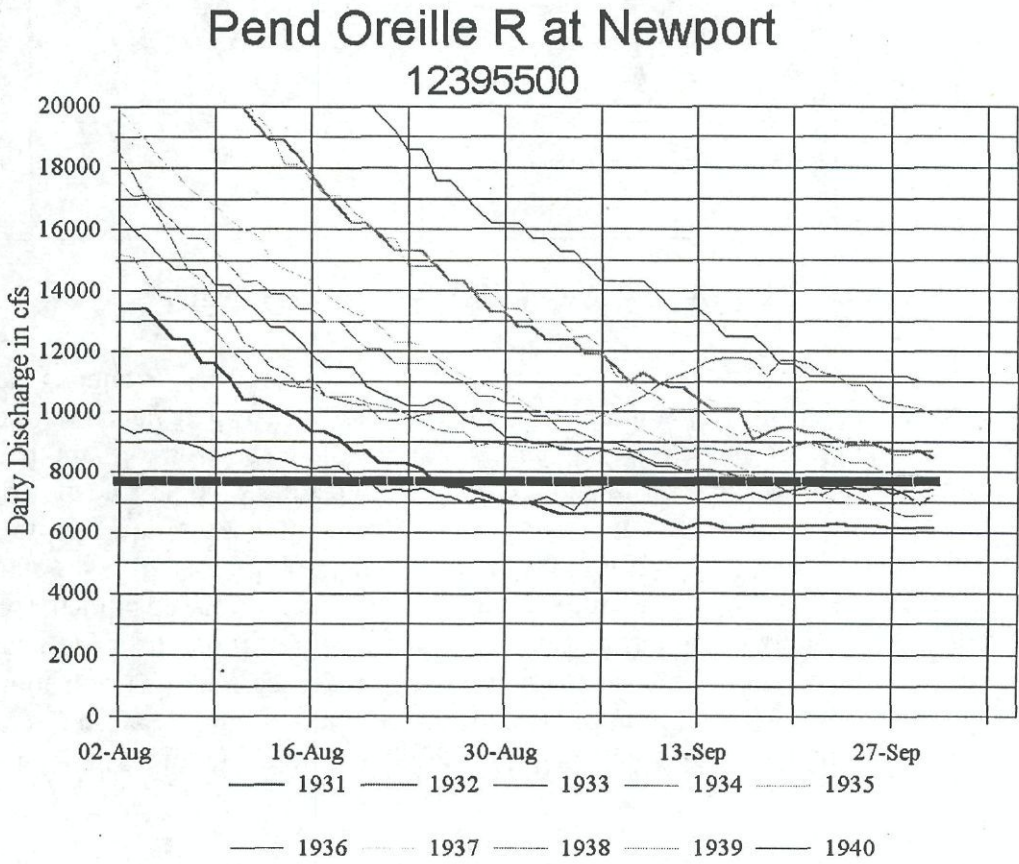
In accordance with the recommendations of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the permit shall be issued subject to the following provision(s):

“This permit shall be issued subject to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife screening criteria as outlined in a Hydraulic Project Approval. Please contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091, Attention: Habitat Management Division, Phone (360) 902-2534, to obtain specific requirements for your project.”

“Use of water under this authorization shall be contingent upon the water right holder’s utilization of up to date water conservation practices and maintenance of efficient water delivery systems consistent with established regulation requirements and facility capabilities.”

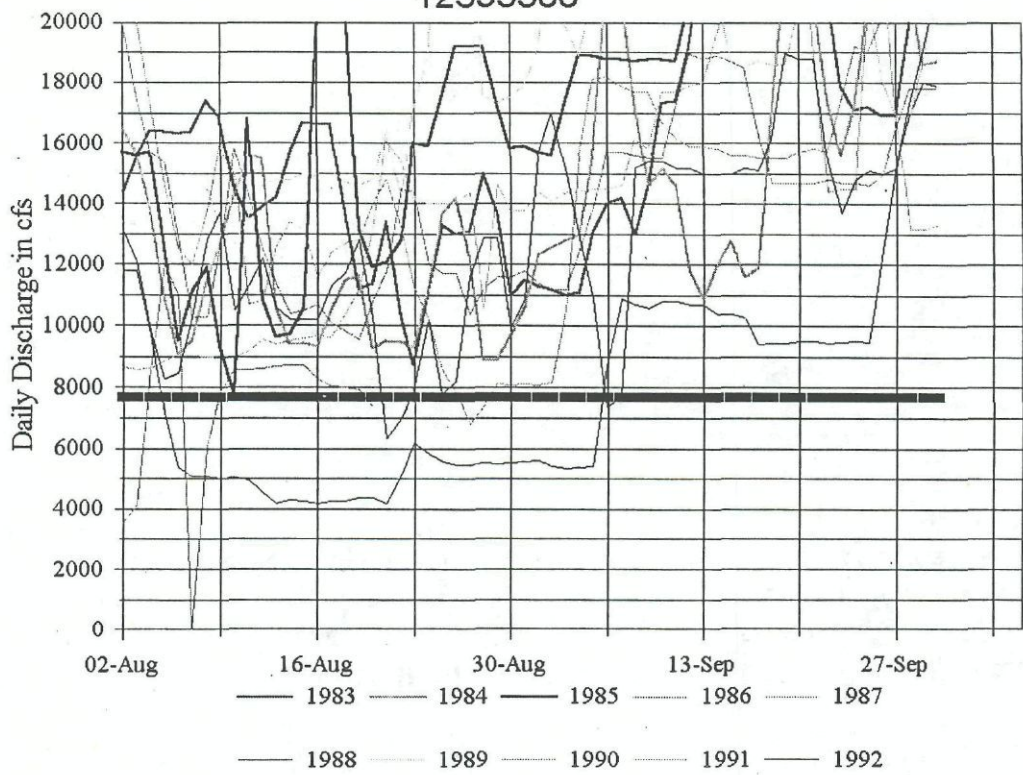
“The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), has recommended that water rights from the Pend Oreille River be conditioned with instream flows of 7,700 cubic feet per second (cfs) on a year-round basis (as measured at the gage near Newport, Washington).

The following hydrographs for the U.S.G.S. Gage on the Pend Oreille River at Newport, Idaho (12395500) demonstrate important hydrologic characteristics of the Pend Oreille River. Before the construction of the Albeni Falls Dam, the river exhibited normal, riverine flow conditions. The first hydrograph shows the typical late summer flow regime for 10 different water years in the 1930s and early 1940s. The solid line at 7700 cfs represents WDFW’s recommended instream flow value as it would have applied to the river in the 1930s. When summer flows reached their baseflow, they tended to stay down at that level for the remainder of the water year.



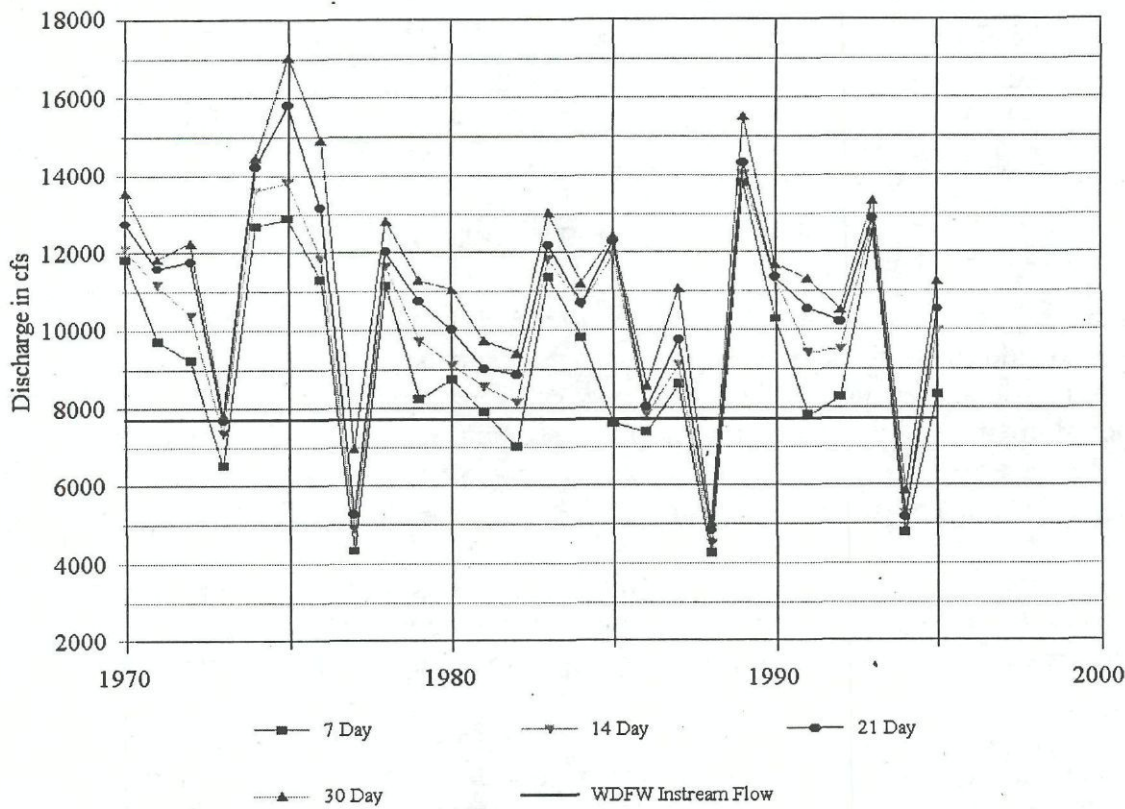
With the construction of the Albeni Falls dam in 1952, the character of the daily discharge changed dramatically from a riverine regime to an impounded, highly regulated, flow regime. The next hydrograph depicts the late summer, daily average discharge for a ten-year period in the 1980s through the early 1990s. The highly variable discharge data reflects the flows that result from the power generation demands that are placed on the river.

Pend Oreille R at Newport 12395500



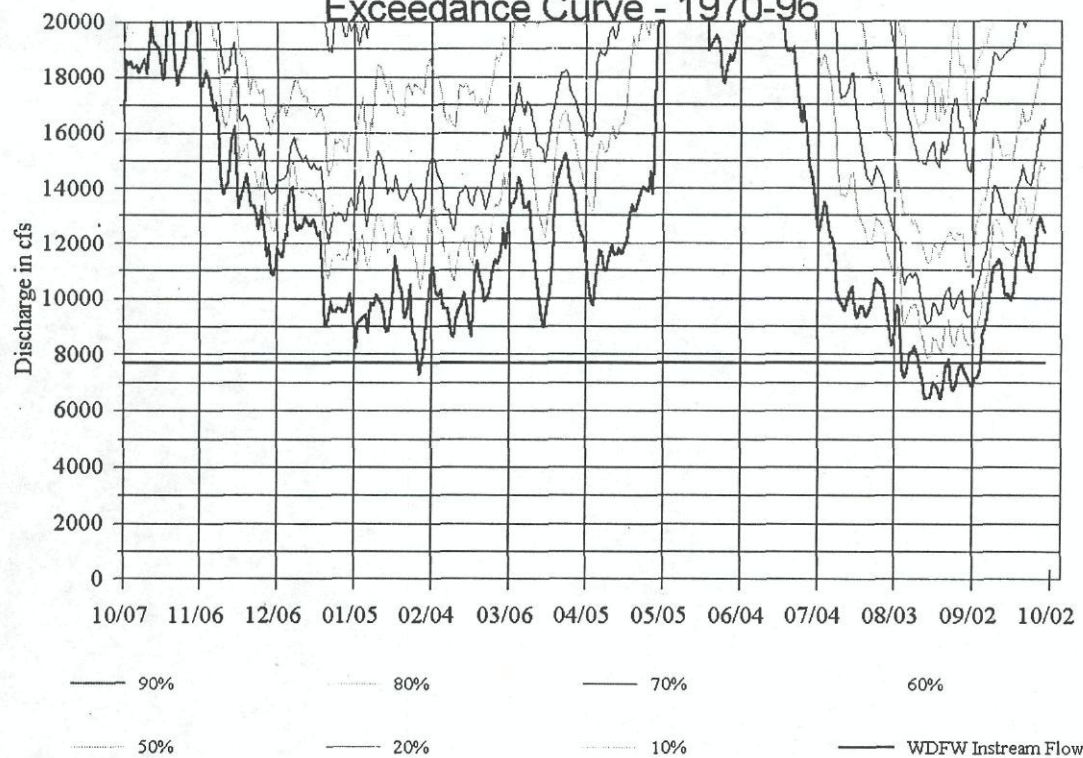
Trying to devise a methodology to implement the WDFW recommended instream flow given the current flow regime of the river requires some careful consideration of the day-to-day variability of the discharge. Given its fluctuations, just simply regulating junior water rights every time the daily average flow drops below 7700 cfs (the recommended instream flow) would be inappropriate and unworkable. Examining the data in the hydrograph indicates that the day-to-day variability is on the order of 5,000 cfs. Looking at a suite of duration frequency low flow analyses (7-day, 14-day, 21-day, and 30-day) for the 1970 through 1996 period allows us to get a better handle on when the flow in the river is truly flowing at a rate that is below the recommended instream flow. By looking at the actual daily flow data, we can see that three water years during the period 1970 – 96 exhibited sustained, low flow periods that were lower than the 7700 cfs threshold (1977, 1988, and 1994). The data from the duration frequency analysis shows that using a 14-day low flow criteria gives us the best opportunity to identify the low flow events.

Pend Oreille River Low Flow Analysis



Calculating the exceedance probability for the daily average flows for the period 1970 – 96 allows us to see how frequently (on a yearly basis) and for what duration (how many weeks during each year) the flows on the Pend Oreille River can be expected to be below the recommended instream flow. The following graph demonstrates that on average, we can expect the summer low flows in the Pend Oreille River will be above the instream flow 8 to 9 times out of ten years. During that one in ten year event when the flow in the river is below the recommended flow, the low flow will last for approximately one month (typically August).

Pend Oreille R at Newport
Exceedance Curve - 1970-96



Therefore, this permit shall be conditioned that all diversion shall cease when the 14-day average flow in the Pend Oreille River falls below 7700 cfs (as measured at the Pend Oreille River at Newport gage) as recommended by WDFW.”

Signed at Spokane, Washington
this 28th day of October, 1999

for Cindy A. Christian
JAMES M. LYERLA
Water Resources Program
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October 28, 1999

Mr. Edward A. Molnar, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Molnar, Jr.:

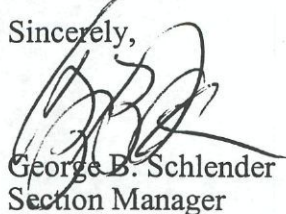
Re: Surface Water Application No. S3-30112

Enclosed please find a copy of the Department of Ecology's Report of Examination. This report constitutes our determination and order regarding the above referenced application.

Your application has been approved and a permit will be issued in accordance with the enclosed Report of Examination upon payment of the statutory fee of \$25.00. Please remit your payment by check to the Department of Ecology within thirty (30) days from receipt of this letter.

Issuance of this Report of Examination is an appealable decision under Chapter 43.21B RCW. If you would like to appeal this order and determination, you must file your appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, P.O. Box 40903, Olympia, WA 98504-0903 within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this letter and the enclosed Report of Examination. A copy of your appeal must also be sent to the Department of Ecology, Water Resources Program Appeals Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600 within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this letter and the enclosed Report of Examination.

Sincerely,



George B. Schlender
Section Manager
Water Resources Program

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Enclosures